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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Roggen et al

Confirmation No: 2466

Serial No.: 09/733,485

Group Art Unit: 1639

Filed: December 8, 2000

Examiner: T. Wessendorf

For: High Throughput Screening (HTS) Assays

REPLY TO ADVISORY ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This submission is in response to the Advisory Action mailed January 21, 2004.

The Advisory Action states that "[t]he proposed amendment would provoke a new rejection and/or consideration. For example, it is not clear as to the step of preparing a sample from a host culture. Applicants have not provided the section in the specification that supports this amendment." This is respectfully traversed.

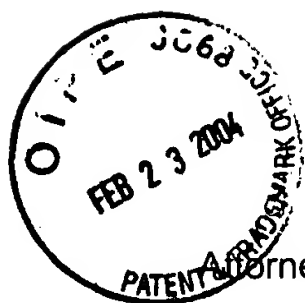
The specification describes how to prepare samples of cell cultures. See, e.g., page 45, lines 15-29. Applicants therefore submit that this amendment is fully supported by the specification.

For the reasons set forth in the Amendment filed November 19, 2003, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance. Early action to that end is respectfully requested. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 19, 2004

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Washington, DC 20231

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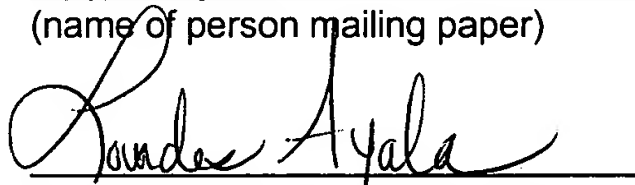
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